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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending July 26, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 26, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 17 percent very short, 45 percent short, 36 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 40 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 73.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Leesville to 80.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 92.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Leesville. Dry weather conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state, with the highest rain concentration in the southwest part of the state with an average of 0.79 inches.

Crop progress for week ending July 26, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dough	95	94	99	100
Corn, dent	90	84	84	NA
Corn, mature	43	17	27	33
Cotton, squaring	99	97	97	99
Cotton, setting bolls	82	71	81	85
Hay, second cutting	66	49	61	68
Rice, headed	91	85	85	85
Rice, mature	34	12	8	18
Rice, harvested	3	NA	0	4
Sorghum, headed	99	97	98	98
Sorghum, coloring	80	67	72	78
Sorghum, mature	16	NA	13	16
Soybeans, blooming	91	88	94	92
Soybeans, setting pods	82	76	79	79
Soybeans, turning color	23	6	3	6
Soybeans, dropping leaves	6	NA	0	0

Crop condition for week ending July 26, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	3	31	60	6
Cotton	1	5	33	50	11
Livestock	1	5	38	47	10
Pasture	0	16	38	40	6
Rice	0	5	38	47	10
Sorghum	3	13	33	50	1
Soybeans	1	9	33	46	11
Sugarcane	1	4	30	49	16
Vegetables	3	25	40	29	3

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Corn is drying down quickly. Corn harvest will begin in the next week or so. Some soybeans have been defoliated. We have some very late soybeans, grain sorghum and rice.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“Weekend rainfall supplied much-needed moisture for non-irrigated soybeans. Milo harvesting began last week with average yield, but low test weights in some fields. Corn beginning to dry out quick with abundant sunshine.”

– Justin Dufour, Avoyelles Parish

“Producers making a start at harvesting early beans and corn. Next week corn harvest will be in full swing. Hay producer’s just finishing first round of hay cutting. Forebay flooded and seeping into tail bay so more crops will be affected as water levels rise. Some producers irrigating late beans and sugarcane. Milo harvest about 7 to 10 days away.”

– Miles J. Brashier, Pointe Coupee Parish

“Rice harvest is under way. Hay cutting and bailing is in full swing. Soybeans could use a rain.”

– Randy Bellon, Allen Parish

“Rice producers have started harvesting the early rice and most are draining the later rice fields. Harvest reports are from 8-10 barrels per acre less than last year. Soybeans are needing a rain. It is starting to get really dry. Some of the early soybeans are receiving fungicide applications. Hay producers getting lots of hay in the barn.”

– Barrett Courville, Acadia & Jefferson Davis Parishes

“Hot and dry weather over the past few weeks has allowed for farmers to catch up on fieldwork, but all crops, pastures, gardens, and livestock could use some rain at this point. Sugarcane continues to be scouted and sprayed for borers. Some sugarcane will be planted last week in July, but majority of farmers plan to start planting first week in August. Some soybeans have been sprayed with a defoliate and harvest in some areas will begin first week of August. Cattlemen are making hay and weaning calves.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending July 26, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	96.6	76.1	86.4	82.5	3.8	0.00	0	-0.68	0.75	-2.25
Mooringsport	97.0	77.2	87.1	83.3	3.8	0.00	0	-0.54	3.34	-0.73
Red River	97.2	78.4	87.8	83.4	4.4	0.00	0	-0.53	2.13	-1.39
Extreme/Average	96.9	77.2	87.1	83.1	4.0	0.00	0	-0.58	2.07	-1.46
North Central										
Calhoun	95.6	73.3	84.4	81.5	2.9	0.00	0	-0.71	0.80	-2.84
Homer	96.0	73.4	84.7	80.9	3.8	0.00	0	-0.74	2.19	-1.82
Shreveport	96.7	75.3	86.0	83.0	3.0	0.00	0	-0.96	1.37	-1.90
Extreme/Average	96.1	74.0	85.0	81.8	3.3	0.00	0	-0.80	1.45	-2.19
Northeast										
Farmerville	96.7	76.7	86.7	82.4	4.3	0.00	0	-0.76	6.68	4.05
Lake Providence	95.9	77.3	86.6	82.7	3.9	1.26	2	0.55	3.12	-0.58
St Joseph	96.4	77.8	87.1	82.8	4.3	NA	NA	NA	3.12	1.85
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	82.8	NA	NA	0	NA	1.80	-1.51
Extreme/Average	96.3	77.3	86.8	82.7	4.2	0.63	2	-0.10	3.68	0.95
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.8	NA	NA	0	NA	2.32	-1.21
Leesville	98.6	73.0	85.8	81.7	4.1	0.00	0	-0.75	NA	-3.63
Natchitoches	96.0	76.7	86.4	83.8	2.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tallulah	98.4	78.1	88.3	82.2	6.1	0.35	1	-0.35	2.42	-1.29
Extreme/Average	97.7	75.9	86.8	82.3	4.3	0.17	1	-0.55	2.37	-2.04
Central										
Alexandria	98.1	77.0	87.6	83.5	4.1	0.00	0	-0.85	3.03	-0.59
Bunkie	96.3	75.5	85.9	82.6	3.3	1.40	1	0.75	2.67	-0.79
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	83.9	NA	NA	1	NA	3.25	-0.19
Hodges Gardens	98.2	75.4	86.8	82.9	3.9	0.00	0	-0.60	2.06	-2.05
Jonesville Locks	96.0	77.7	86.9	82.8	4.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	97.1	76.4	86.8	83.1	3.8	0.47	1	-0.23	2.75	-0.90
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.8	NA	NA	1	NA	4.87	NA
New Roads	97.0	77.0	87.0	83.0	4.0	NA	NA	NA	6.30	0.57
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.94	NA
Extreme/Average	97.0	77.0	87.0	82.4	4.0	NA	1	NA	4.70	0.57
Southwest										
Crowley	96.0	78.0	87.0	82.3	4.8	0.00	0	-0.81	0.31	-4.48
DeRidder	95.5	74.5	85.0	82.4	2.7	NA	NA	NA	2.15	-2.54
Jennings	96.3	76.1	86.2	82.3	3.9	0.09	2	-0.91	1.87	-3.13
Slidell	93.4	77.1	85.3	NA	NA	2.29	3	NA	1.45	-2.56
Extreme/Average	95.3	76.4	85.9	82.3	3.8	0.79	3	-0.86	1.45	-3.18
South Central										
Donaldsonville	94.9	77.1	86.0	82.0	4.0	1.43	1	0.10	1.68	-4.47
Jeanerette	93.2	76.0	84.6	82.3	2.3	0.46	2	-0.49	4.84	-1.54
Morgan City	93.1	77.9	85.5	82.3	3.2	NA	NA	NA	1.34	0.24
Oberlin Fire	94.0	73.8	83.9	82.1	1.8	0.17	1	-0.58	3.38	-2.52
Extreme/Average	93.8	76.2	85.0	82.2	2.8	0.69	2	-0.32	2.81	-2.07
Southeast										
Galliano	92.9	80.3	86.6	82.4	4.2	1.40	5	-0.35	4.26	-1.15
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3	NA	3.23	-3.79
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	81.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.31	NA
Extreme/Average	92.9	80.3	86.6	82.1	4.2	1.40	5	-0.35	3.93	-2.47
State	95.9	76.8	86.3	82.5	3.8	0.50	1	-0.44	2.74	-1.52

DFN = Departure from Normal.

Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.

NA = Not Available.